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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman:

As a leader in my church, First United Methodist Church of Pensacola, I see how the difficult economic situation is affecting our community. Mothers and fathers are worried about paying the mortgage and for health insurance, and about keeping their jobs. They're wondering what will cure the ailing economy.

One thing that could help is increased investment. Lawmakers at the local, state, and federal levels have focused on government investment, but I believe the economy will turn on private investment, which is why you should act quickly to approve the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. Under the terms of this merger, AT&T has promised to increase investment by \$8 billion to build out its 4G LTE network—an investment that, by one recent estimate, would create as many as 96,000 new jobs.

As former Florida House Majority leader, I also worked on important healthcare and education issues facing our state. The increased access to 4G LTE (AT&T believes the new investment will give 97 percent of Americans access to this technology) will put important new job training, medical, and educational tools into the hands of Florida residents. Workers will have access to job training tools and search resources from the comfort of their own homes; seniors will be able to participate in important telemedicine programs that will help them live longer, healthier lives; and students will have access to classes at top universities across the country from their local library.

This merger will help improve Florida's economy, and the lives of its residents. Please consider quickly approving it.

Sincerely,



Jerry Maygarden
Former Majority Leader, Florida House of Representatives

CC: Commissioner Clyburn
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner McDowell

